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## TREE REMOVAL / ALTERATION PERMIT

## APPLICATION

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OCT 2 1 2019 APPLICANT INFORMATION RMATION CITY OF SAUSALITO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPT Name 159 CAZNEAU AVENUE, SAUSALITO, CA 94965 Address Dav Phone (415) 810-2588 Email Address Tobin @ robin reilly, com PROPERTY OWNER INFORMATION (If different from Applicant) Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address Day Phone Email Address TREE OWNER INFORMATION (If different from Property Owner) If this application is for work on a tree located on property not owned by the applicant, provide the following information and attach a completed "Permission to Enter" Form. If this application is for work on a tree on City-owned property, describe the location and state "City property". Name Day Phone Email Address EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED WORK Describe the extent of the proposed tree work. REMOVAL OF COAST LIVE DAK DUE TO SUDDEN DAK DEATH Explain why the work is needed. PER ANSONISTS REPORT, THE TREE IS IN DECLINING HEALTH AND IS LIKELY TO GECOME INCREASINGLY UNSTABLE AS IT DIES.

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415/289-4128 Voice 415/339-2256 Fax	

Client: Robin Reilly

Project Location: 159 Cazneau Ave, Sausalito

Inspection Date: July 25, 2019

Arborist: Ben Anderson



### **Assignment**

Robin Reilly contacted Urban Forestry Associates to request an inspection of the mature coast redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) located above her home. While onsite, we walked the rest of the property (two parcels) to perform a general assessment of the landscape. During the walk, I discovered a coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*) with a sparse canopy and bleeding cankers. I recommended the tree's removal and informed Ms. Reilly of the need to apply for a permit and the need for an arborist report.

## Observations

Species

Coast live oak

Diameter

18.3 inches

Location

North of the driveway (Figure 3). Possibly on the adjacent roadway easement. See map in

Figure 1. This is a steep hill between the road and driveway.

Health

Fair to poor (for explanation of condition ratings, see Table 1). Bleeding cankers around the base of the tree are consistent with those of a *Phytophthora sp.* infection (Figure 2), possibly sudden oak death (*P. ramorum*). Somewhat sparse canopy has been historically hedged back

for view clearance.

Structure<sup>1</sup>

Fair to good. The trunk splits to codominant stems<sup>2</sup> a few feet above grade. These join at an

acute angle with included bark3.

Form<sup>4</sup>

Fair. Odd silhouette due to past topping for view.

Appraisal

Due to the health of the tree and the subsequent need for removal, the tree has a negative

value equal to the cost of its removal.

#### Discussion

Sudden oak death is caused by the introduced pathogen *Phyhtophthora ramorum*, a water mold that lives on the foliage and in the stems of many of the native and ornamental plants in California. In trees, foliar hosts like California bay are rarely significantly affected but vascular hosts (like coast live oak) are weakened by cankers that form on the trunk and disrupt the flow of nutrients between the roots and canopy. It is typically the secondary pathogens that kill or destabilize the trees after they are weakened by *P. ramorum*. The pathogen does not spread from oak to oak but having one infected oak on a property does demonstrate that the disease is present, and conditions are favorable for infection.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> **Structure** – Overall stability of the tree or its branches. This can be negatively affected by things such as acute angle crotches, decay cavities, strong leans, stem girdling roots, ambrosia beetles, history of failures, etc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Codominant stem - forked branches nearly the same size in diameter, arising from a common junction and lacking a normal branch union (ISA Dictionary Online).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> **Included bark** - bark that becomes embedded in a crotch (union) between branch and trunk or between codominant stems. Causes a weak structure.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> **Form** – The plant's overall appearance as it relates to its shape or silhouette. Can be negatively affected by crown asymmetries.

#### Conclusions

Given the level of inspection, the tree is unlikely to survive for more than a few years. It will be at an ever-increasing likelihood of beetle attack during that time (western oak bark beetle [Pseudopityphthorus pubipennis] and the oak ambrosia beetles [Monothrum scutellare and M. dentiger]). Once ambrosia beetles enter the tree, it will begin to decrease in stability.

The tree removal will benefit the surrounding vegetation as it will decrease competition for resources and the tree will no longer threaten them with its potential failure.

The steep hillside may be subject to increased surface erosion immediately following the removal, but there is a healthy understory of vegetation that should quickly fill the gap to protect from raindrop impact. Leaving a declining tree is a greater threat to stability as it the tree is allowed to decline and fail, that will certainly be more disruptive than a controlled removal.

#### Recommendations

Whole-tree removal.

#### SCOPE OF WORK AND LIMITATIONS

Urban Forestry Associates has no personal or monetary interest in the outcome of this investigation. All observations regarding trees in this report were made by UFA, independently, based on our education and experience. All determinations of health condition, structural condition, or hazard potential of a tree or trees at issue are based on our best professional judgment. The health and hazard assessments in this report are limited by the visual nature of the assessment. Defects may be obscured by soil, brush, vines, aerial foliage, branches, multiple trunks, other trees, etc. Even structurally sound, healthy trees can fail during severe storms. Consequently, even a low risk rating is not a guarantee of no risk, hazard, or sound health.

Benjamin Anderson, Urban Forester

ISA Board Certified Master Arborist & TRAQ

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Table 1. Condition ratings table. Taken from Guide for Plant Appraisal, 10th edition

Rating	ting Condition components						
category	Health	Structure	Form				
Excellent	High vigor and nearly perfect health with little or no twig dieback, discoloration, or defoliation	Nearly ideal and free of defects.	Nearly ideal for the species. Generally symmetric. Consistent with the intended use.				
Good	Vigor is normal for the species.  No significant damage due to diseases or pests. Any twig dieback, defoliation, or discoloration is minor.	Well-developed structure. Defects are minor and can be corrected.	Minor asymmetries/deviations from species norm. Mostly consistent with the intended use. Function and aesthetics are not compromised.				
Fair	Reduced vigor. Damage due to insects or diseases may be significant and associated with defoliation but is not likely to be fatal. Twig dieback, defoliation, discoloration, and/or dead branches may comprise up to 50% of the crown.	A single defect of a significant nature or multiple moderate defects. Defects are not practical to correct or would require multiple treatments over several years.	Major asymmetries/deviations from species norm and/or intended use. Function and/or aesthetics are compromised.				
Poor	Unhealthy and declining in appearance. Poor vigor. Low foliage density and poor foliage color are present. Potentially fatal pest infestation. Extensive twig and/or branch dieback.	A single serious defect or multiple significant defects. Recent change in tree orientation. Observed structural problems cannot be corrected. Failure may occur at any time.	Largely asymmetric/abnormal. Detracts from intended use and/or aesthetics to a significant degree.				
Very poor	Poor vigor. Appears to be dying and in the last stages of life. Little live foliage.	Single or multiple severe defects. Failure is probable or imminent.	Visually unappealing. Provides little or no function in the landscape.				
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Figure 1. Map of subject property, indicated with yellow outline. Canopy of subject tree indicated with red circle.



Figure 2. Bleeding, discolored base consistent with a SOD infection.

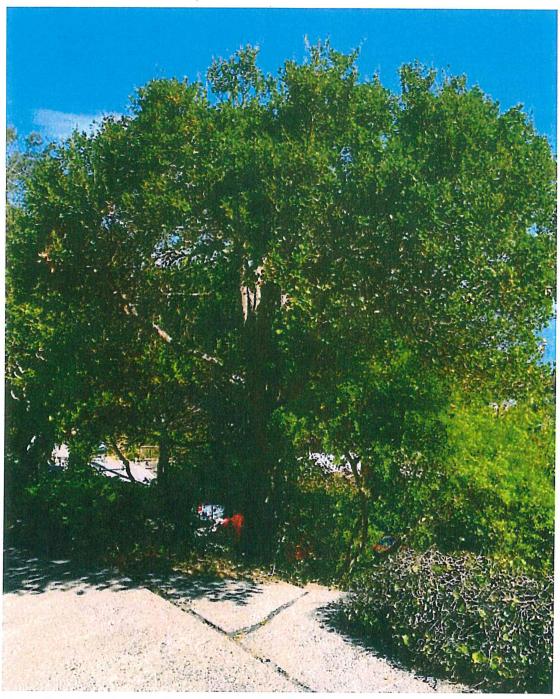


Figure 3. Subject tree as viewed from the southeast

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